

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

*This is a reading from the prophet Ezekiel.*

This is what God said to the prophet:

“You must watch over my people.  
Whatever I tell you to say to them, you must say.  
When I want you to warn people who are doing evil things,  
you must tell them.  
If you don’t warn them for me,  
I will blame you for what they do.  
You will be as bad as they are,  
and you, too, will be punished.  
But if you do warn them,  
and they still go on sinning,  
it won’t be your fault.  
They will be punished, but you will not.”

*The Word of the Lord.*

RESPONSE: *Psalm 119*

Open our hearts to listen to you.

*Verses:*

1. God, our hope is in your Word.
2. Your commands are always true.
3. Give us life to do your will.

*(Repeat Response after each Verse.)*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them.”  
Alleluia, alleluia! “I am there with them; I am there.”

*(After Gospel, repeat last line of Acclamation.)*

GOSPEL: *Matthew 18:15-20*

*This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.*

Jesus said to his disciples,

“If your brother or sister does something wrong,  
go and talk to that person alone, just the two of you.  
If the person listens to you and stops doing wrong,  
then you have been very helpful.  
But if the person won’t listen to you,  
take two or three other people with you and try again.  
If the person won’t listen to them either,  
tell it to the Christian community.  
And if they won’t even listen to the community,  
then that person is the kind who wants to go on sinning.”

Then Jesus said,

“I tell you honestly, whenever two or three of you  
agree to pray about something, God will do it.  
For wherever two or three people  
are gathered together in my name,  
I am there with them.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*